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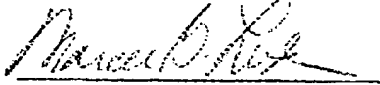
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	§	
SERIAL NO.: 10/711,489	§	Group Art Unit: 3673
	§	
FILED: September 21, 2004	§	EXAMINER: Jong-Suk (James) Lee
	§	
FOR: Concentrated Buoyancy	§	
Subsea Pipeline Apparatus	§	
and Method	§	
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 22, 2005

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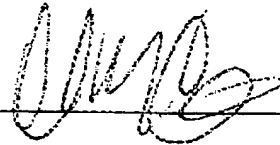
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Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action (election requirement) dated June 22, 2005 and in response provisionally elects the tethered buoy species of Figs. 3A-3H. Original claims 1-21 are generic to both species, and claims 22 and 25 – 26 read on the provisionally elected species. The election is provisional in that applicant traverses the necessity of the election because generic claims are

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allowable, and respectfully requests examination and/or rejoinder of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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